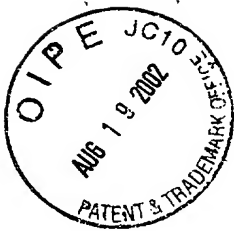


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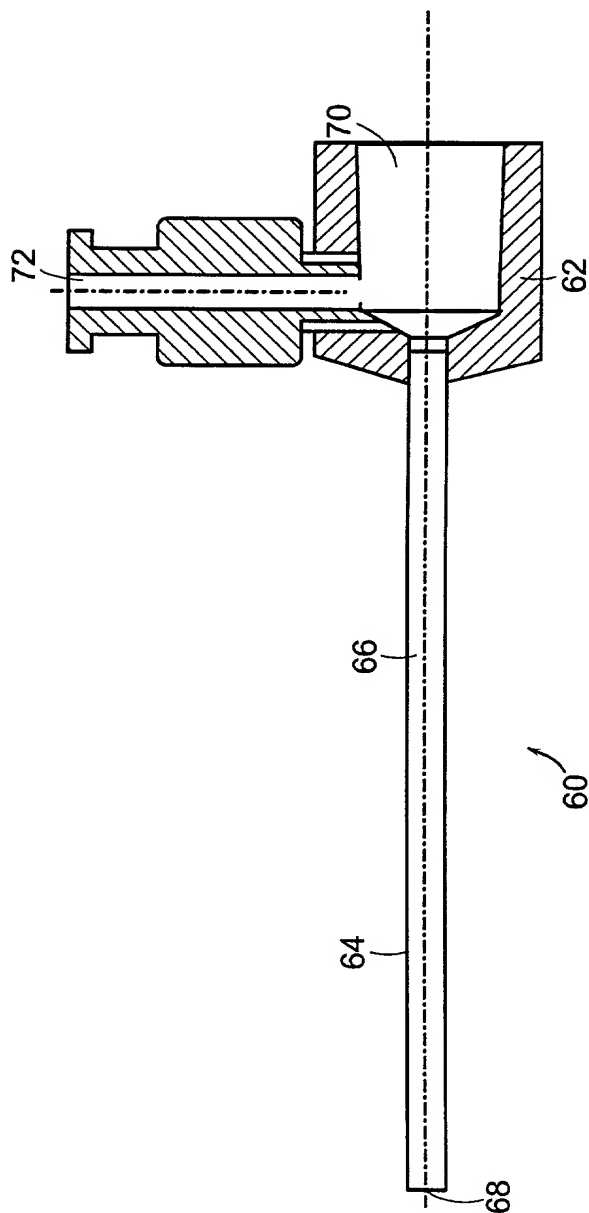
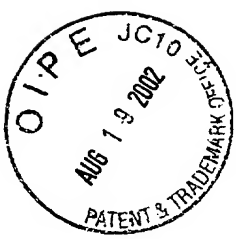


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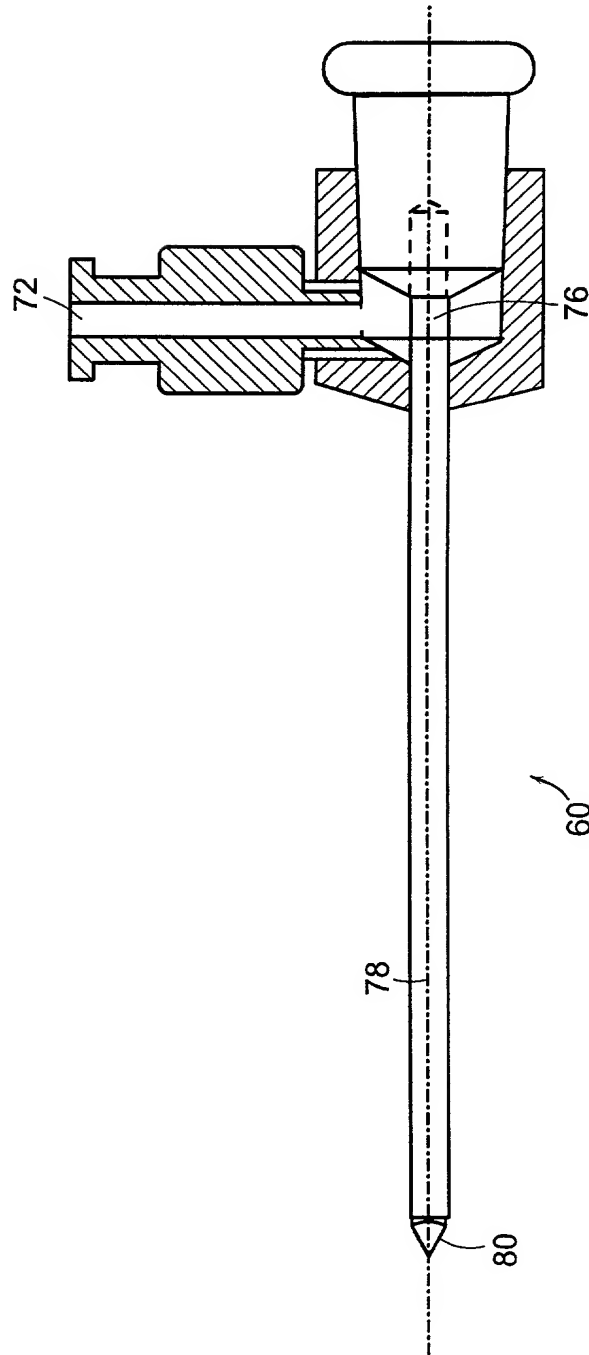
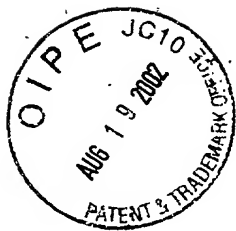


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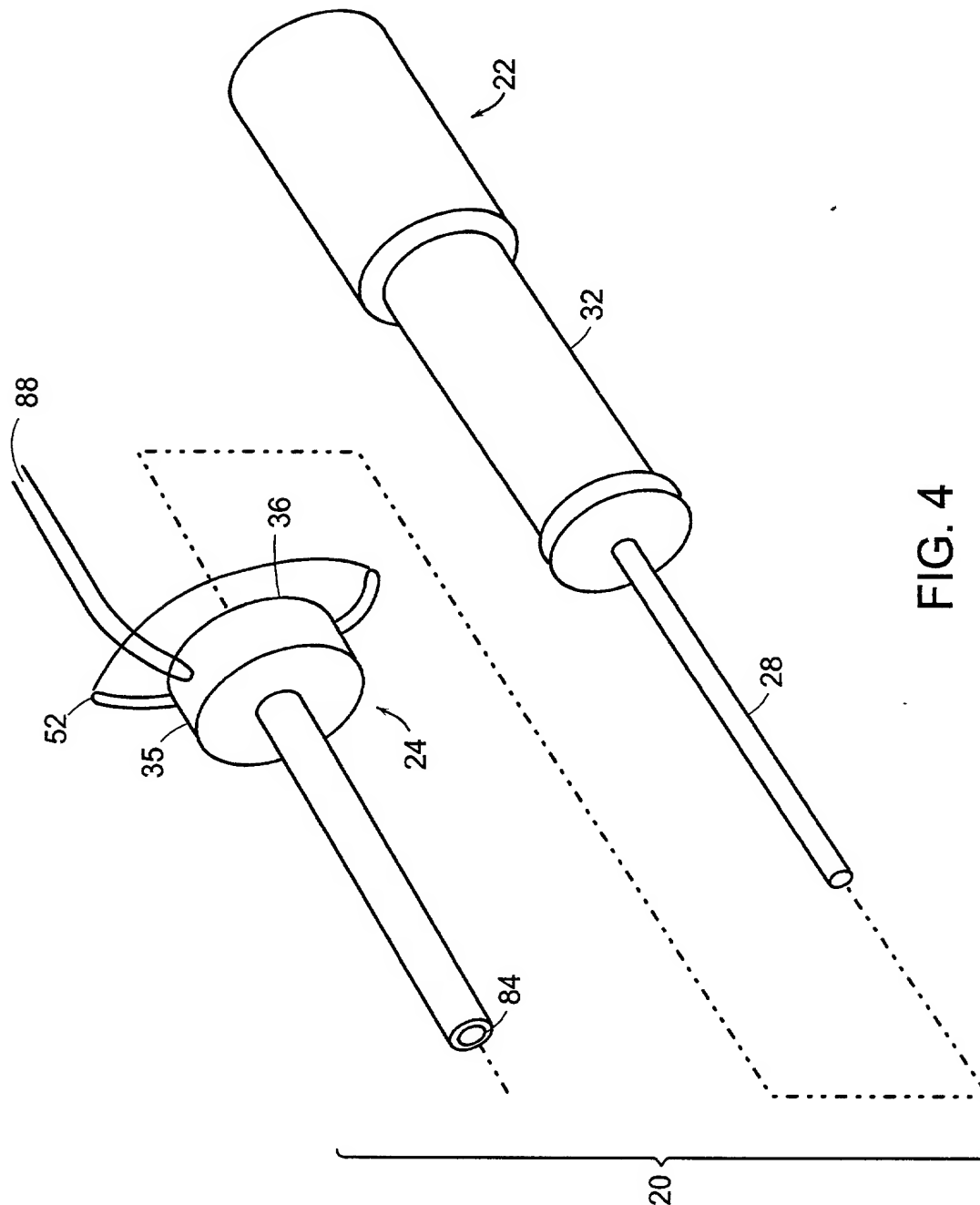
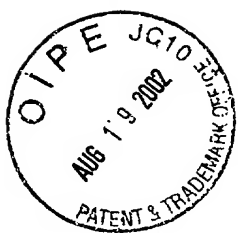


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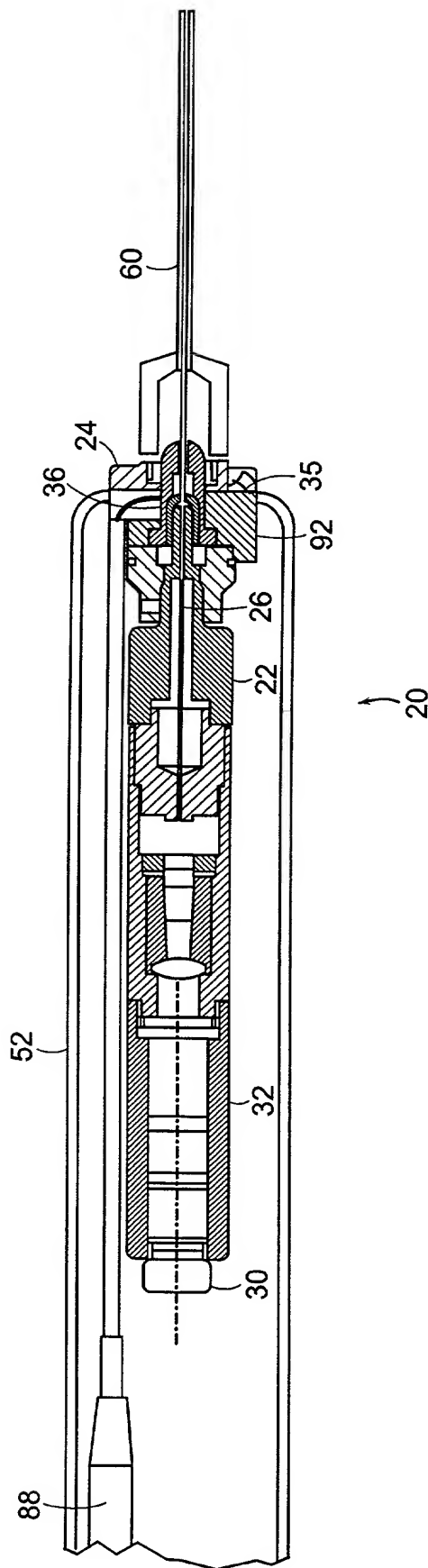
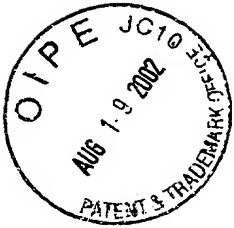


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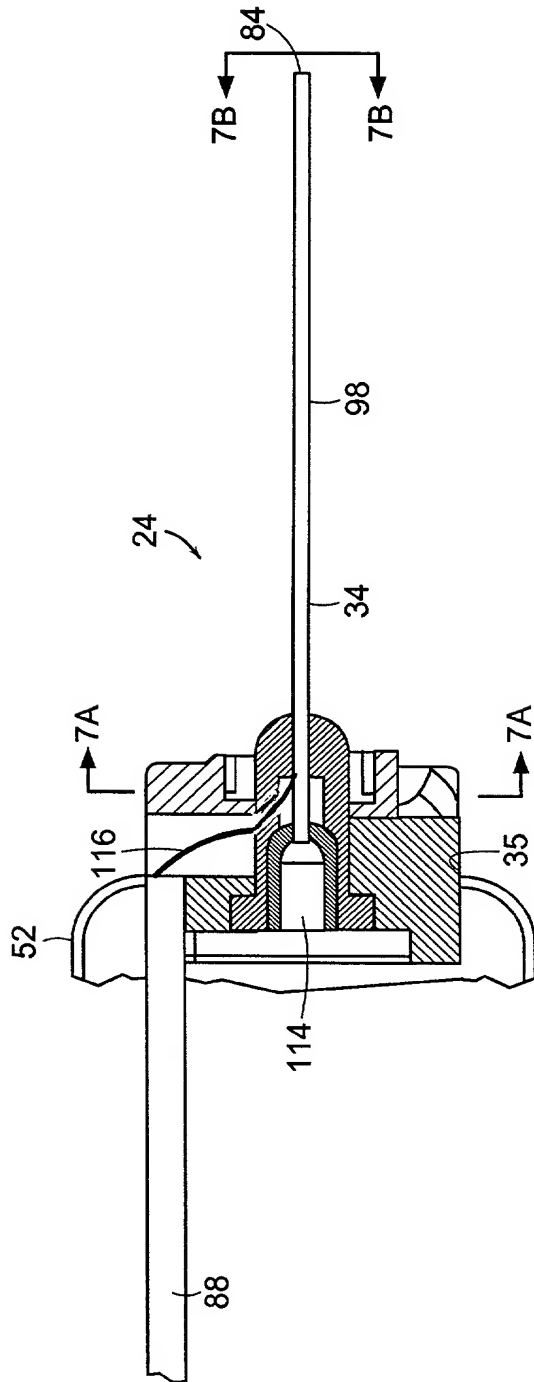


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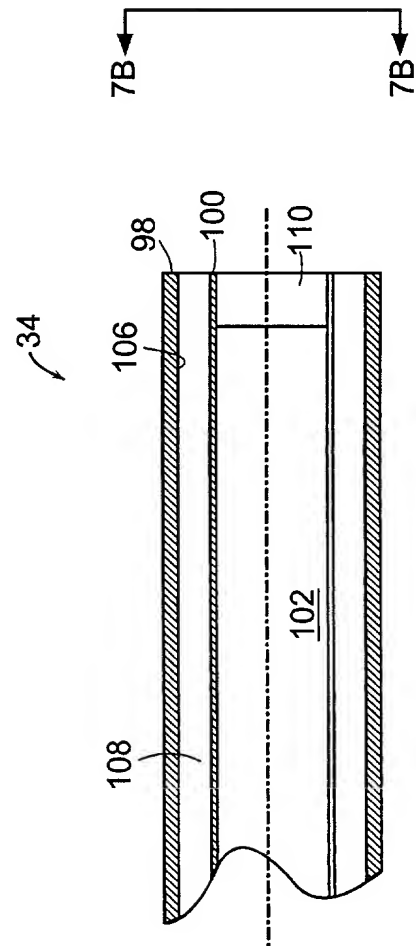
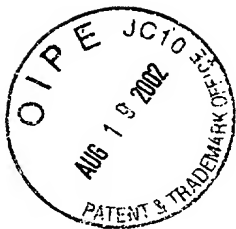


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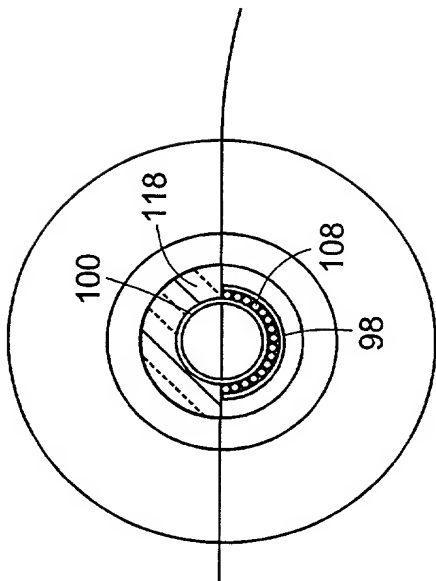


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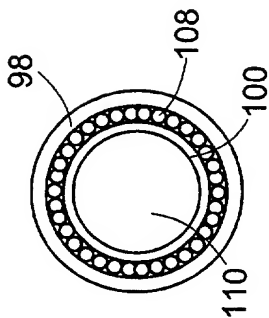


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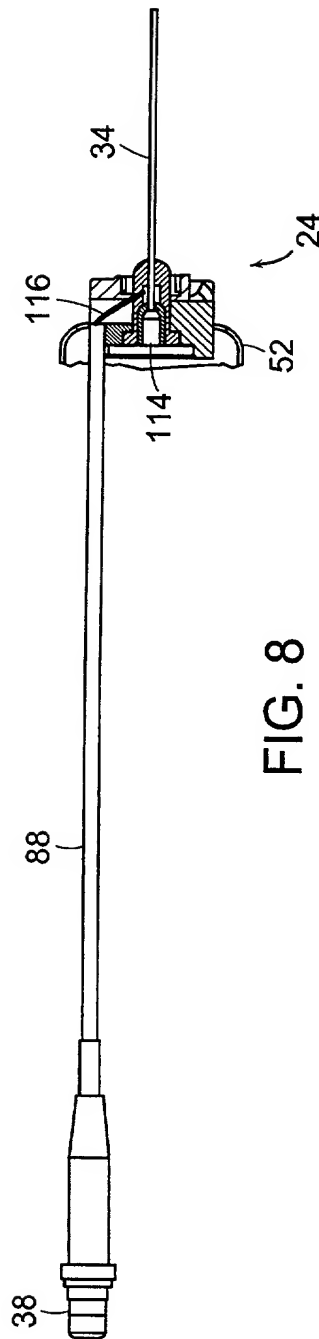
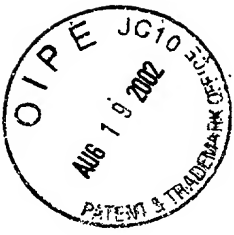


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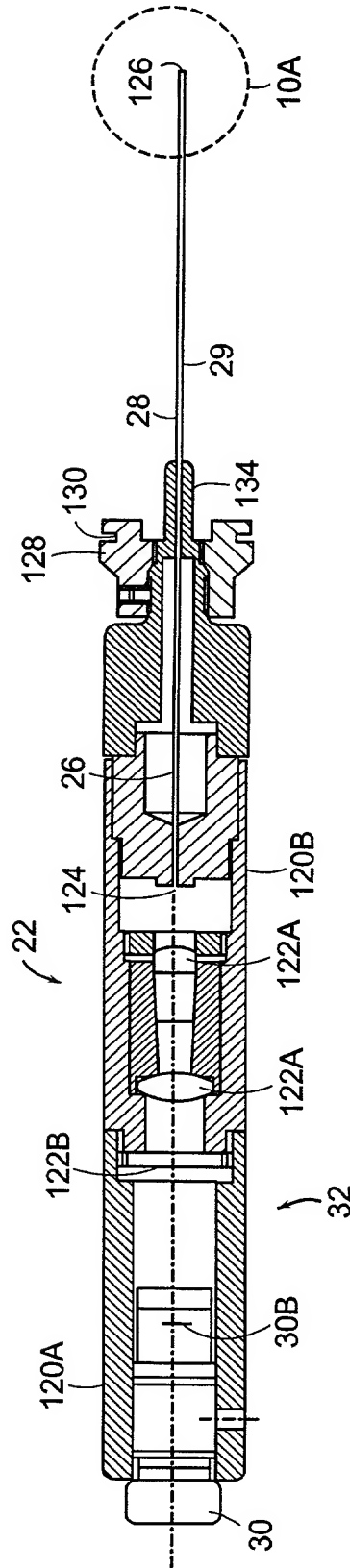
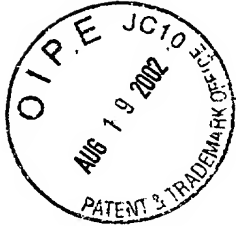


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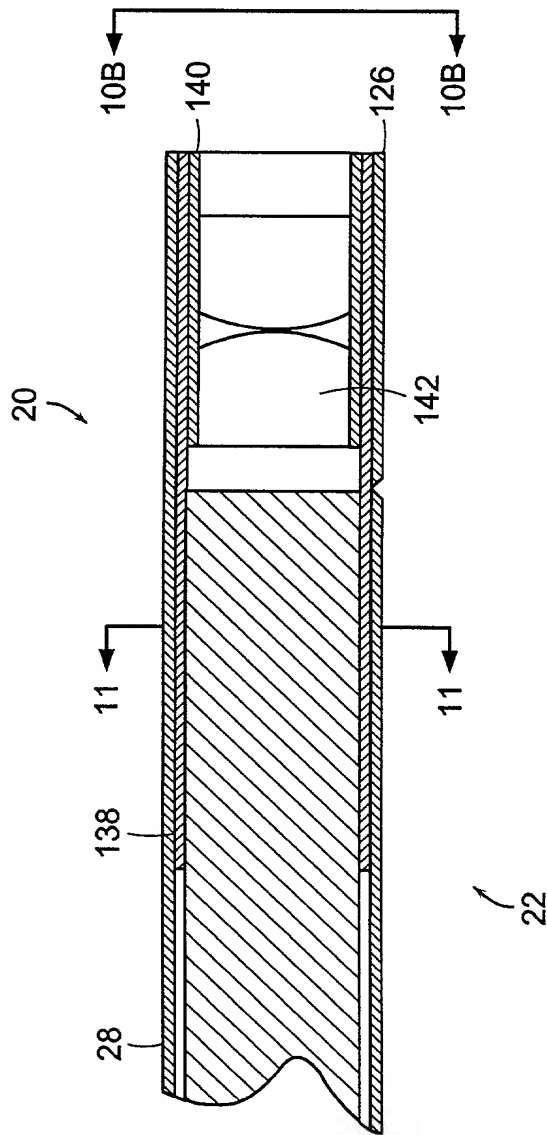


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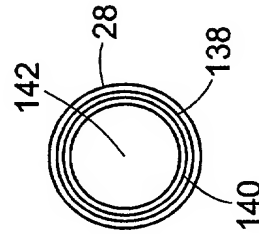
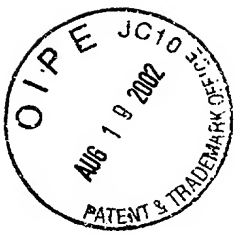


FIG. 10B



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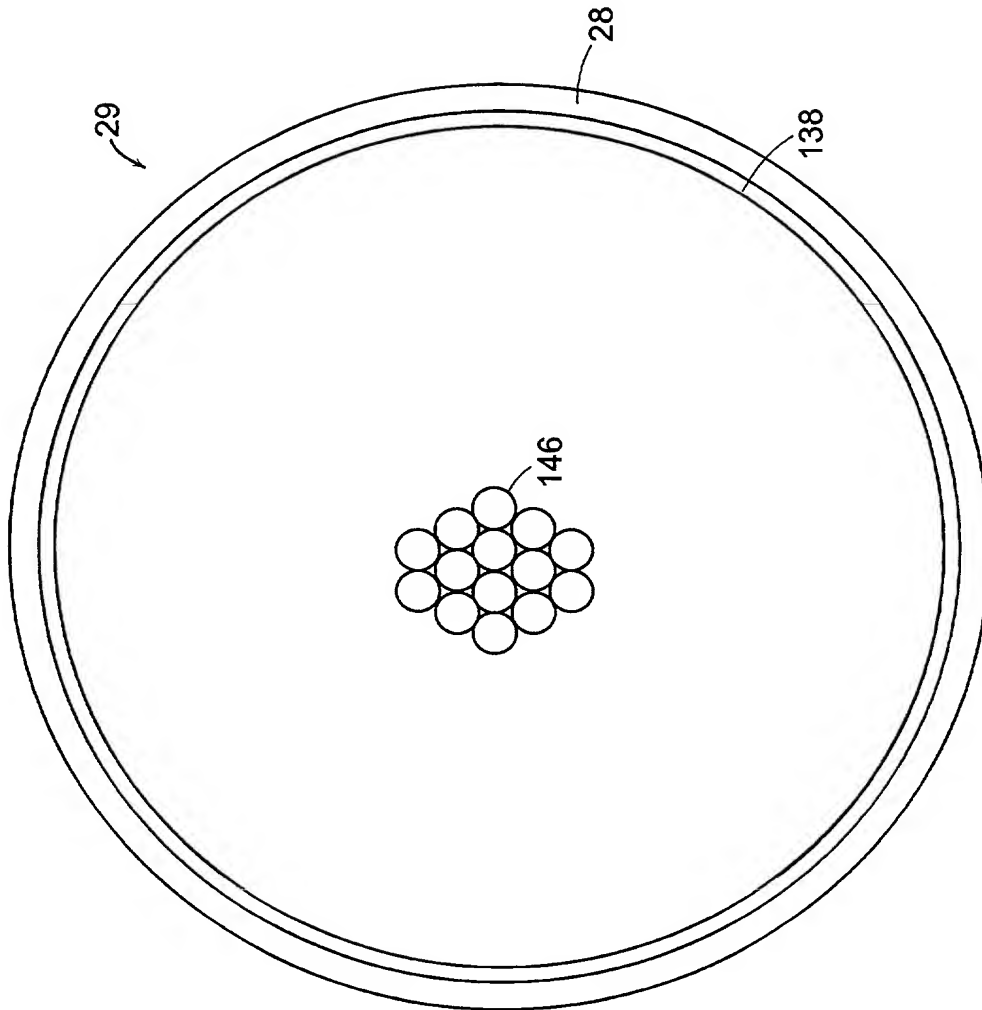


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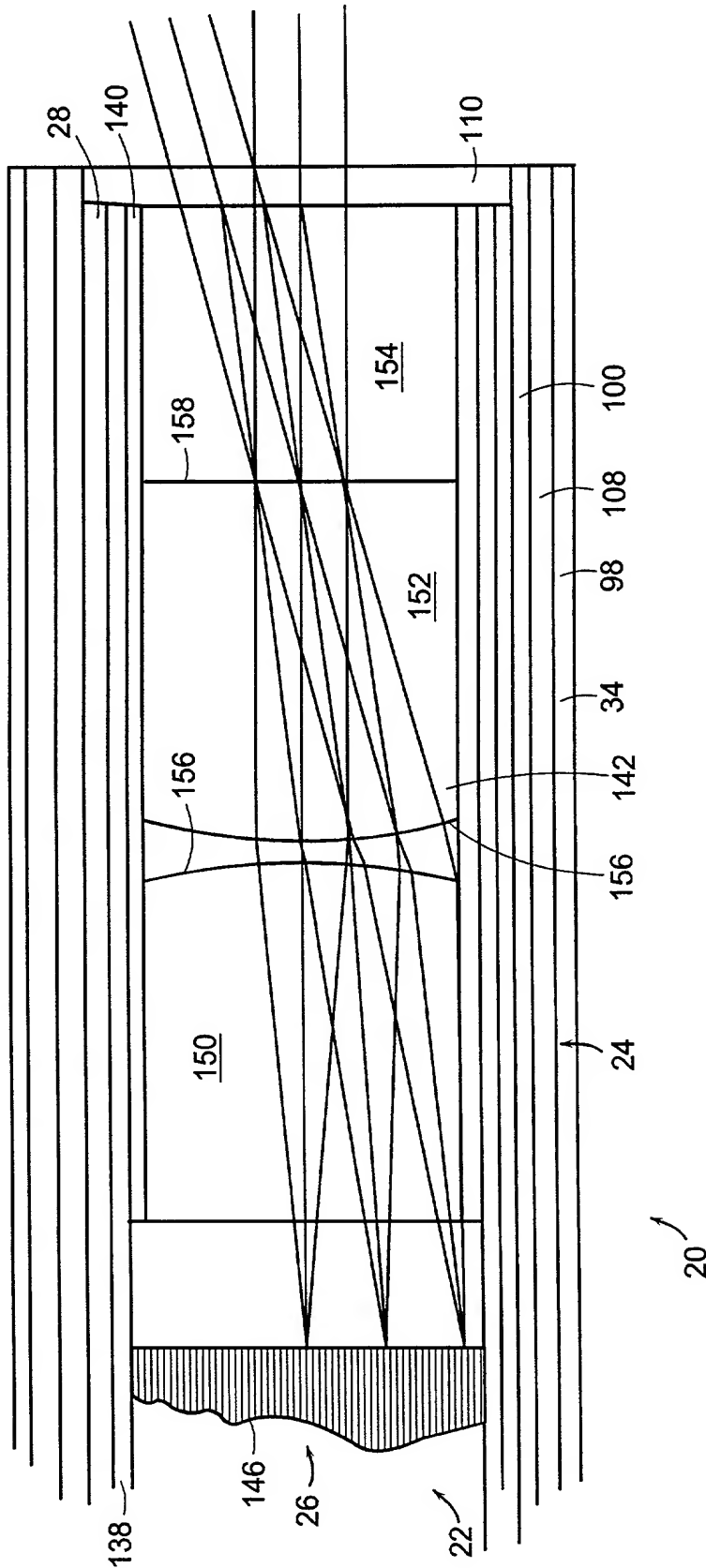
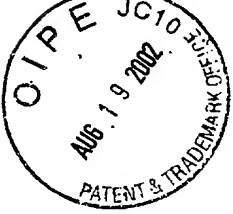


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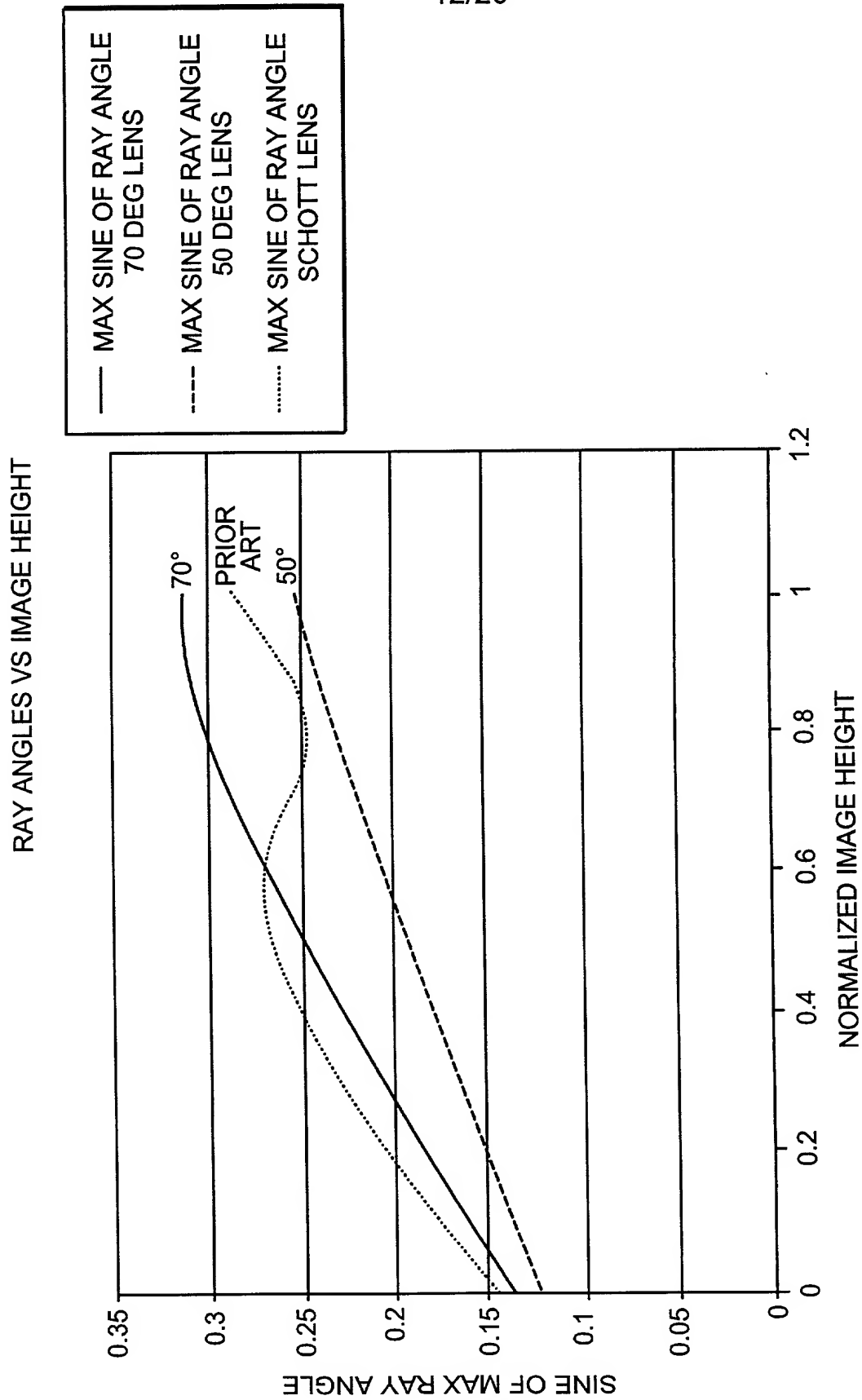
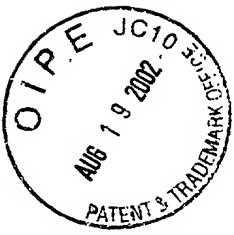


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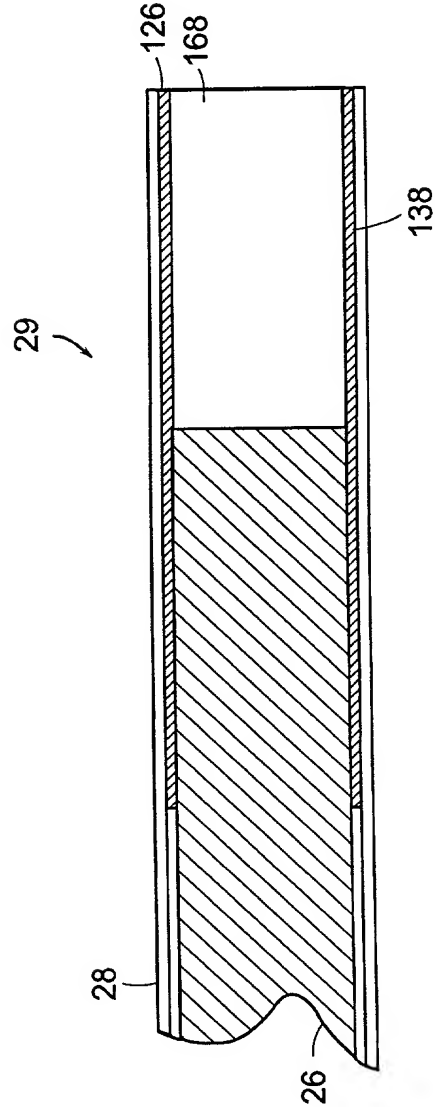
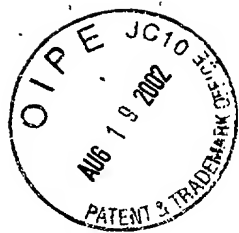


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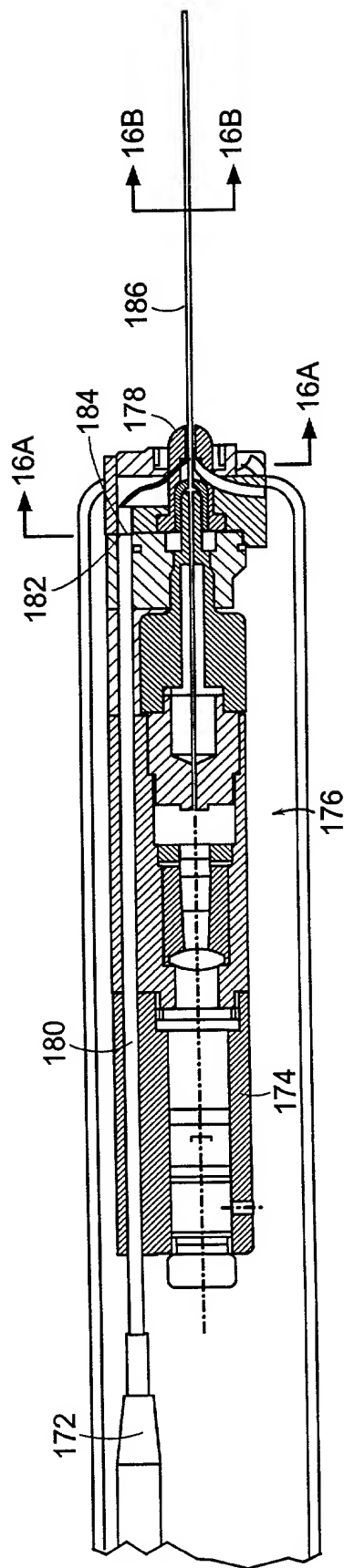
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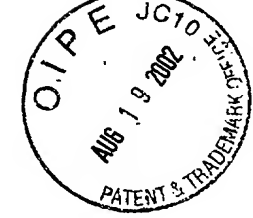
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FIG. 15





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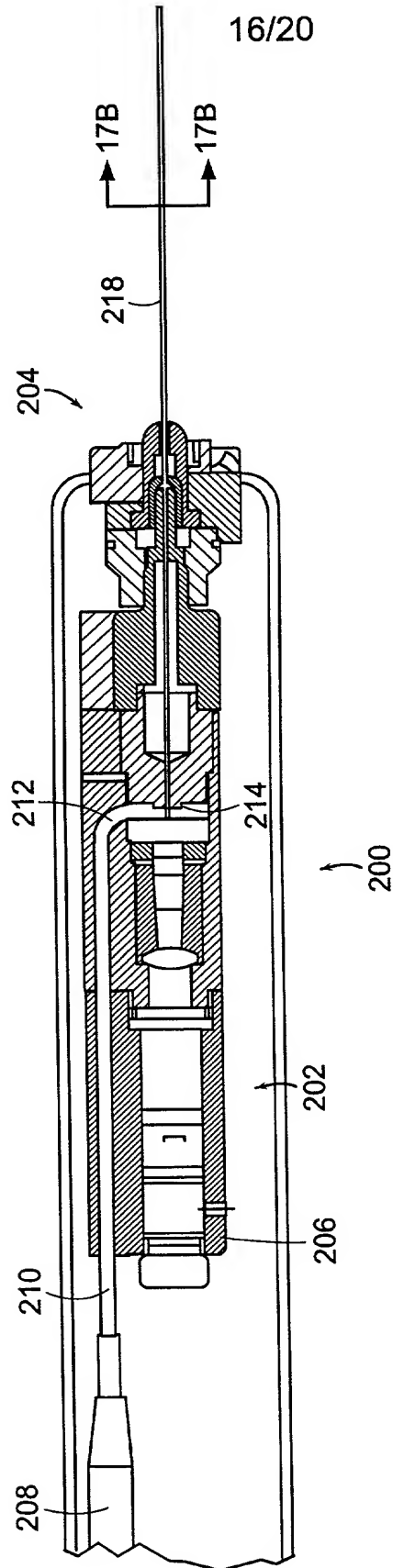
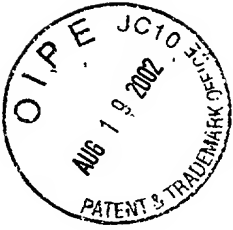


FIG. 17A





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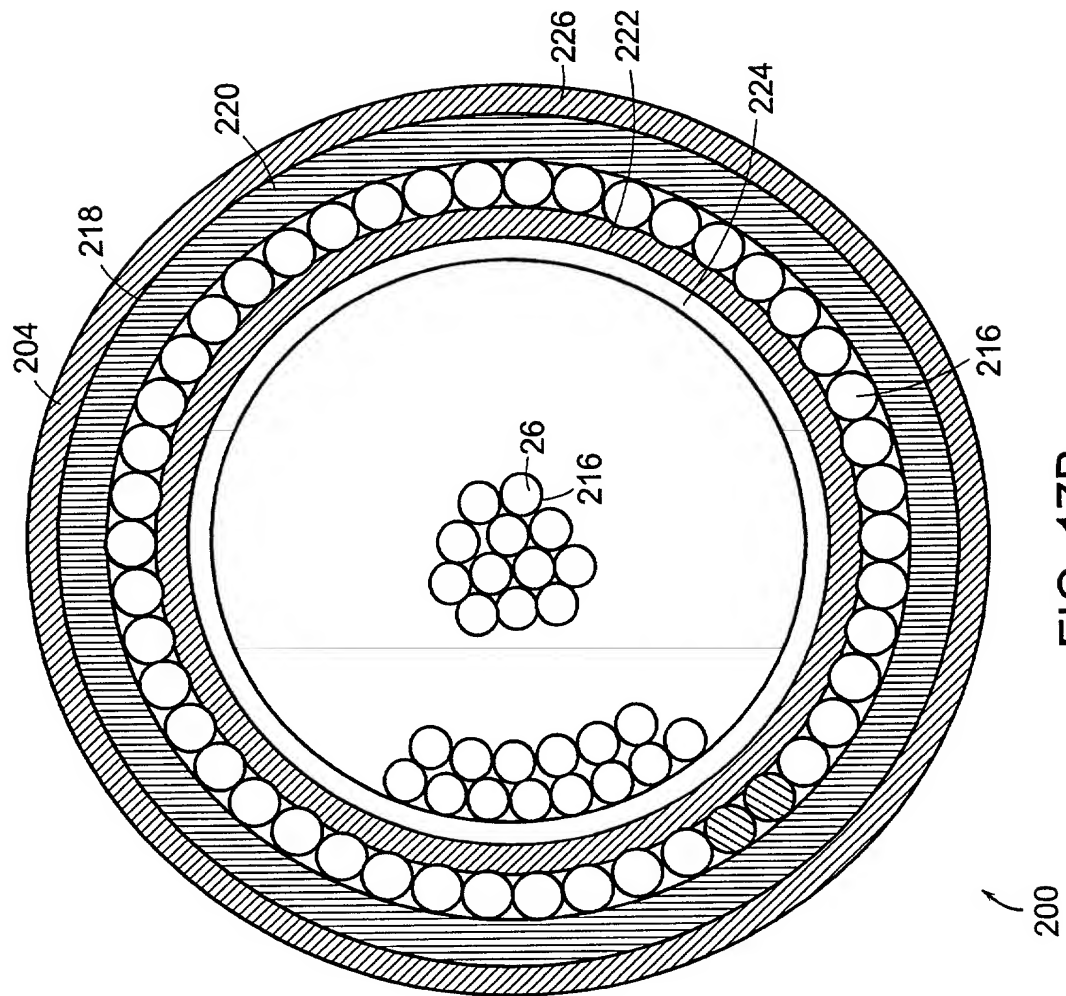
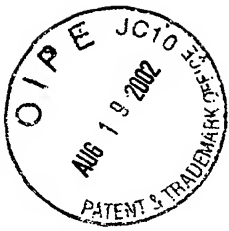


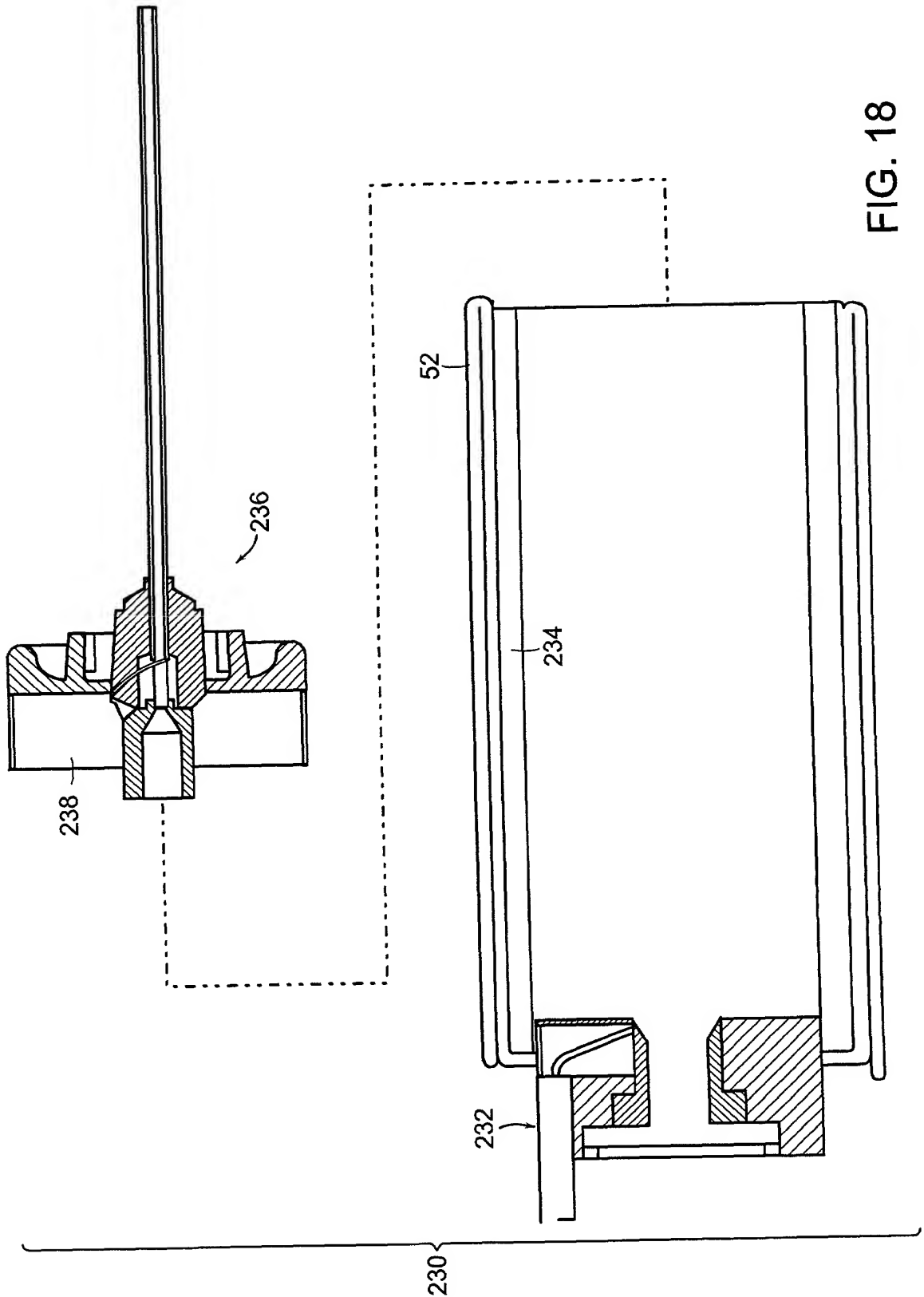
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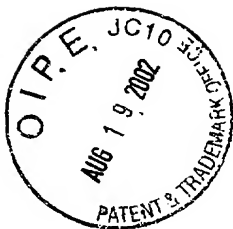


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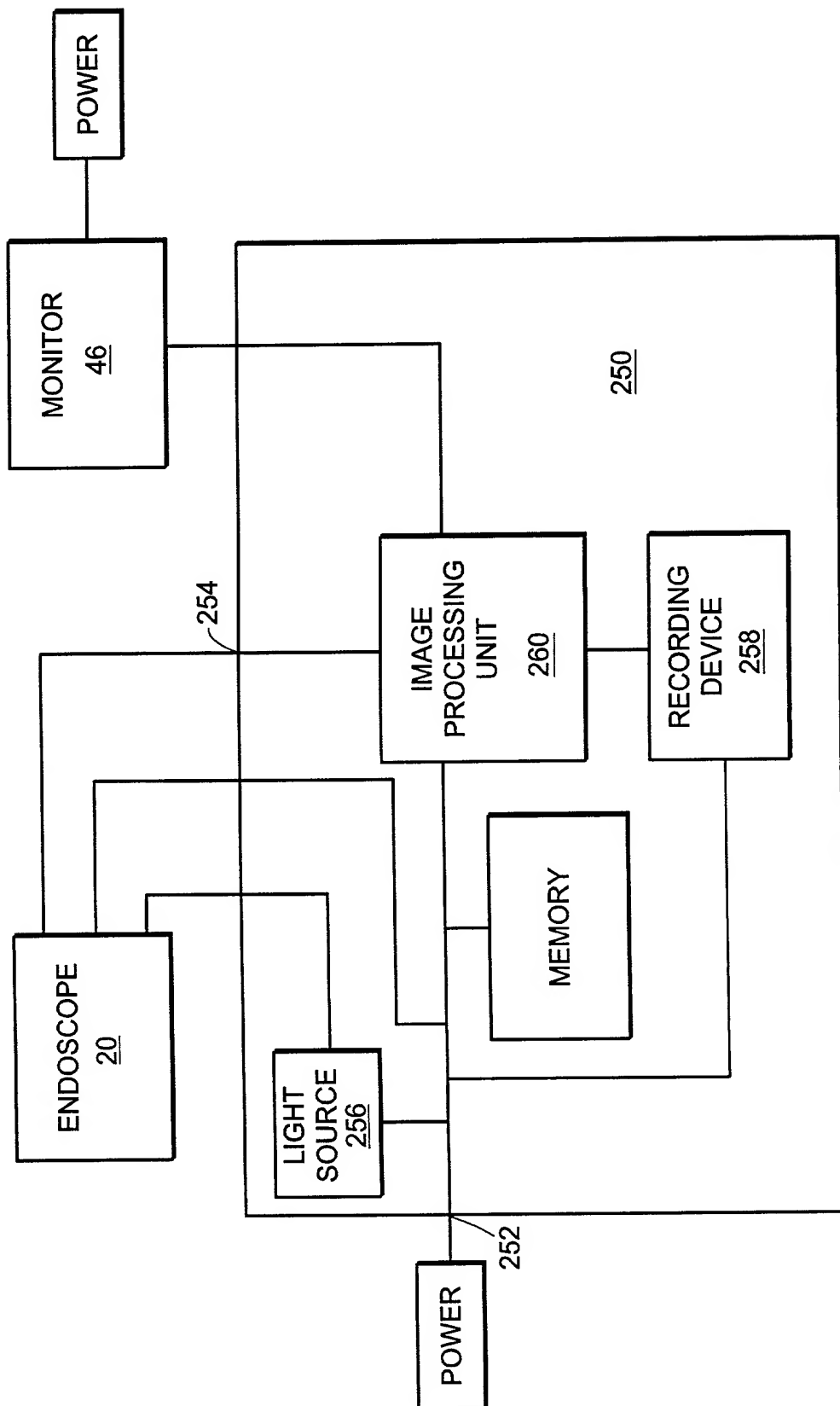
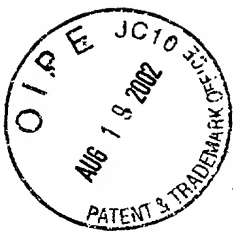


FIG. 19



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USER EXTENDS SHEATH OVER  
HANDLE AND INSERTS  
CANNULA/TROCAR AT OPERATIVE  
SITE  
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TROCAR IS REMOVED AND  
SHEATHED PROBE INSERTED INTO  
CANNULA  
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ILLUMINATION SYSTEM IS  
ACTUATED AND IMAGING SENSOR  
RECORDS VIDEO OF SITE  
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OPTIONALLY PERFORM PROCEDURE  
AT OPERATIVE SITE  
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RECORD IMAGE SEQUENCE ON  
MEMORY DEVICE  
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CONCLUDE PROCEDURE AND  
DISPOSE OF SHEATH ASSEMBLY  
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ATTACH NEW SHEATH ASSEMBLY  
TO PROBE AND REUSE  
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FIG. 20